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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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1. German Patent No. 693 27 066 T2
2. European Patent No. 0 552 991 B1
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,739,698

Documents 2 and 3 are in the English language. The relevancy of Document 1 is explained below.

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Document 1

In a German Office Action, Document 1 was cited for teaching a device for testing the functionality of electric motors, including an antenna for receiving magnetic alternating fields, a unit for analysis of received signals for frequency components in the frequency range of the RPM values of the electric motors, and/or harmonics and an output unit for signaling functionality.

The relevancy of Document 1 can be seen in Document 2, which is an English language patent family member of Document 1.

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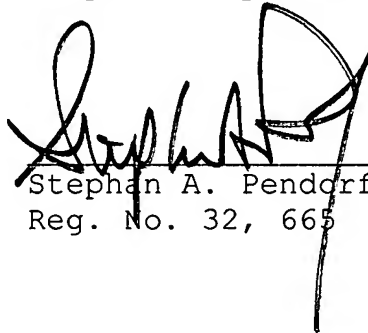
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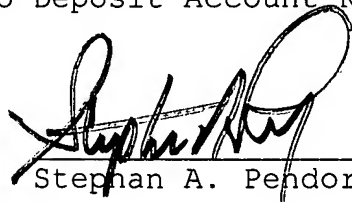
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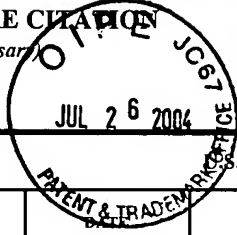
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		5,739,698	4/14/1998	Bowers et al.	G01R	31/02	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		693 27 066 T2	6/8/2000	Germany	G01R	31/34		✓
		0 552 991 B1	11/24/1999	Europe	G01R	31/34	✓	

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